GAMES CHART TOP TEN

HMV Games LEVEL ONE

1. (—) On The Ball (Daze)
2. (1) Kick Off 3 (Anco)
3. (5) World Cup USA '94 (US Gold)
4. (4) Beneath a Steel Sky (Virgin)
5. (7) Skidmarks (Acid)
6. (—) Tactical Manager (Kompart)
7. (3) World Cup Year '94 (Empire)
8. (2) Sensible Soccer Int (Renegade)
9. (6) Arcade Pool (Team 17)
10. (10) Frontier — Elite 2 (Gametek)

GREMLIN RIGHT BEHIND THE AMIGA

The company which brought you *Zool* has relaunched itself — but it is still committed to the Amiga.

Sheffield crew Gremlin Graphics has changed its name to the rather swanky Gremlin Interactive and has also binned its six-year-old "rainbow" logo for something a bit less sort of *Magic Roundabout*-ish.

Part of the company's reasons for changing is its recognition that in today's marketplace, games have to be lavish and well-thought through, making them suitable for tomorrow's technologies. It also reckons Gremlin Graphics sounds a bit too 'Eighties'.

Although the publisher is planning forward for development on CD and the super-consoles, it hasn't forgotten the Amiga. Two CD32 titles *Litil Divil* and *Top Gear 2* are released this month, while *Top Gear 2* and *Premier Manager 3* are due soon on floppy.

Marketing director David Martin said: "The Amiga is still a very powerful market for us, and we're not going to abandon such a strong format. The floppy business is still good, and we've been pleasantly surprised by the extent of software sales on CD32."

One innovation which could be produced soon is the CD-3 concept for CD32 games. This is Gremlin's "three games on one CD" package, which has been tested in the CD-ROM sector. Martin says it might be extended to Commodore's machine soon.

'I'm a Loser, two time loser...' Peter Green.

WHAT IN THE WORLD

Liquidation? Pah! The Amiga's standing is so high it can still command its own show. For the incurable Amigaholic, the clock is ticking slowly to December when the World Of Amiga show opens its doors The venue is London's Wembley Conference Centre, and the precise dates have just been changed to December 9-11 (ignore any previous reports about November timings). Expect the event to be like an Amiga market, with plenty of opportunities to buy machines, peripherals and software.

The World Of Amiga show is something of a throwback to the old World Of Commodore days, and it shows once again the amazing durability of our beloved technology. Hopefully a revived and hungry new Commodore will be among the exhibitors.

FLICKS OFFER

Late summer cinema-going can save you money on games, thanks to a new promotion by Virgin, HMV and Odeon theatres. Virgin has produced 250,000 cards which you can collect from HMV stores and Odeon cinemas. Get your card stamped when you go to see a film and, once you've got three stamps, go into HMV to get a fiver off your favourite title in VIE's 85-strong range. Collect five stamps and claim a tenner off.

The offer lasts until October 10, and before then we recommend you see *The Mask* at least five times.

NEWS IN BRIEFS

● A complete arcade-style driving cockpit could become available for home users — if you can find somewhere to park it, that is.

There are no precise details on when the Megasim, which is touted by its makers as "the ultimate driving simulator," will be available but it should cost around £300. The whole thing was invented by Chris Batty, a 15 year old wannabee Michael Schumacher, who need something to do while he recovered from an operation. Beats doing crosswords, I suppose.

Apparently this king of peripherals will rock back and forth, recreating the sensation of being inside a real motor. You can swap the steering wheel for a joystick if you like, and sound system can be located anywhere in the unit.

● Sony Imagesoft and Propaganda Films are working on a game version of one of the year's most (allegedly) fascinating movies, *Johnny Mnemonic*.

Penned by William Gibson, the film is set in the bleak techno-dominated future it tells the story of Johnny, a data smuggler, who has information implanted into his brain in order to cross borders unnoticed.

The crunch comes when one implant threatens to kill him unless he downloads it within 12 hours. Brilliant story, eh? And just perfect for a game conversion, we reckon.

The film has yet to be released in the US, but it has been previewed at festivals to rave reviews. It stars Keanu Reeves (of *Bill and Ted* fame), although the Hawaiian-born hunk won't be in the game. But apparently 70s soul god Isaac Hayes will be! The fact that *Johnny Mnemonic* is William Gibson's cinema debut is sure to guarantee major interest, even if the film is a clanger. Which it won't be, of course.

Sony has neither confirmed a release date, or which formats it will publish on. Pray the Amiga gets the nod.